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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action
mailed March 26, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-12, 17-22 and 24-30 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

31. (New) An antimicrobial formulation comprising:
a fatty acid monoester,
an enhancer comprising benzoic acid or salicylic acid,
two or more anionic surfactants, and
a vehicle.

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